

#19 Response

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1656

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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-For: -METHOD-FOR-THE-UNCOUPLED,-DIRECT,-EXPONENTIAL-AMPLIFICATION AND SEQUENCING OF DNA MOLECULES WITH THE ADDITION OF A SECOND

THERMOSTABLE DNA POLYMERASE AND ITS APPLICATION

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

June 24, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2002, having been duly extended from May 22, 2002 until June 22, 2002 (Saturday), by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the remarks set forth below.

<u>REMARKS</u>

The Office Action dated February 22, 2002 has been received and carefully noted.

The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-126, 134-137 and 143-145 under the judicially